

Resolution No.

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINDINGS TO SUPPORT A SOLE SOURCE EXCEPTION TO THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE THE VISIONX COMPARISON MICROSCOPE FOR FIREARMS EXAMINATION FROM ULTRA ELECTRONICS FORENSIC TECHNOLOGY INC.

On July 12, 2011, City Council Resolution No. 11-0184 approved an Interlocal Memorandum of Understanding with the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office, Probation Department, and the District Attorney's Office, to create the Countywide Firearms Reduction Consortium (Consortium); and

The Stockton Police Department's Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS) has been utilized by the Consortium as the only ballistics evidence site in San Joaquin County; and

The comparison microscope is the primary piece of equipment used by the Firearms Examiner in order to confirm IBIS links in gun-related crimes throughout the County; and

Due to its age and prolific use, the Leica DMC comparison microscope has needed repairs and has been categorized as "end of service by the vendor and incapable of receiving further upgrades." Repair of the current equipment is problematic as this system has not been manufactured since 2005; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following findings are hereby adopted which support a sole source exception to the competitive bidding process for the purchase of a VisionX Comparison Microscope from Ultra Electronics Forensic Technology Inc.:

- a) The Stockton Police Department's IBIS Unit is the only ballistics evidence site in San Joaquin County and is a critical partner in the San Joaquin County Firearms Reduction Consortium.
- b) The Stockton Police Department utilizes its IBIS Unit to assist with firearms reduction crime efforts by processing and analyzing evidence for use in criminal cases by the San Joaquin County District Attorney.

- c) The SPD IBIS Unit currently uses Ultra Electronics Forensic Technology Inc. products to reduce the staff-intensive burden of transferring information between two systems.
- d) Ultra Electronics Forensic Technology Inc. is the manufacturer of the VisionX Comparison Microscope and is the only authorized distributor. The manufacturing and servicing of these products requires access to proprietary, commercially-sensitive information that is only available to employees of Ultra Electronics Forensic Technology Inc. who have been duly authorized and trained.

2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and agreement with Ultra Electronics Forensic Technology Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$98,273 for the purchase of a VisionX Comparison Microscope.

3. The City Manager is hereby authorized to Approve the Budgetary Proposal from Ultra Electronics Forensic Technology Inc., in the amount of \$98,273 and attached as Exhibit 1.

4. The City Manager is authorized and directed to take whatever actions are appropriate and necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED October 18, 2016.

ANTHONY SILVA, Mayor
of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

BONNIE PAIGE
City Clerk of the City of Stockton